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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B-204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Verizon New England Inc. for Authorization
Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA
Service in the State of Massachusetts,
CC Docket No. 00-176

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed please find the Reply Comments of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("MDTE"). Please note that the MDTE is filing a confidential portion of the submission and a redacted version of the entire submission. The MDTE is also providing an electronic version of the redacted version on disk in WordPerfect and PDF formats, in accordance with discussions with the Common Carrier Bureau. Also enclosed for filing is the MDTE's Motion to Exceed Page Limit which is being filed concurrently with the MDTE's Reply Comments. Participants in the proceeding who seek

access to the confidential information included in MDTE's Reply Comments should address their inquiries to:

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